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COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

Ehrhardt Etchings.

Ehrhardt, Nov. 13.—Yesterday we had high wind, but did not last long. Some rain fell along with the wind, and since then the weather has turned considerably cooler.

Last week one of the Hacker Mfg. Co.'s hands must have had his hands tarry, for he took everything he could get his hands on in the way of clothing, overcoats, money, and tools; but some of the boys missed some of their clothing and traced it to Jim, as they called him. He ran from them and they caught him by shooting in his direction. They found several or practically all the goods, and Jim owned it all up and said: "Boss, if anything else is missing, I got that too." Jim was sent to the gang to work on the roads of the county.

Well, the county fair at Walterboro was a big success, so some have said, and would have been better but they could not see the whole of the fair for the signs put up, taxes due, etc. Notwithstanding all this, it was a credit to Colleton county.

Sugar cane will be milled and syrup and sugar made from the juice. While it is a sticky, messy work, yet its nice to have around during the balance of the year.

Mrs. Groseclose and her daughter, Miss Chloe, went to visit her relatives in Prosperity.

There was a wreck on the Ehrhardt & Greenpond branch of the A. C. L. Railway last week. Was caused by a broken flange on the engine trucks. No one was hurt or killed, and damage comparatively small.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Ehrhardt went to Newberry on a business trip, and to see her mother and sisters, last week.

Mr. I. J. Zeigler has a stranger at his house. He is all smiles.

G. Lloyd Preacher, of Augusta, Ga., has been chosen as the architect for the new school building. This is good news, but we want to see dirt move and the brick work begin.

Professor Claude Melton, of the Lodge school, with his teachers, Misses Oaks, Padgett, and Robertson, were seen on our streets Saturday. They came up to be with our teachers and organize a teachers' association. It is their intention to meet monthly and discuss questions in regard to school work. The next meeting will be held at Lodge school building. All teachers in the surrounding section are urged to attend. All meetings will be informal. Subject for discussion at next meeting will be: "The Present Status of the Schools of This Section."

Fairfax Fancies.

Fairfax, Nov. 11.—The ladies of the U. D. C., Fairfax Chapter, gave a flower show and display of fancy work on Wednesday, lasting all day and into the night. Dinner and supper were also served, the proceeds going to the Chapter.

First prize for Chrysanthemum—Miss Maude Barber.

First prize for Best Collection—Mrs. F. M. Young.

First prize for Dahlia—Miss Maude Barber.

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First prize for Carnation—Mrs. S. B. Talley.

First prize for Fern—Mrs. L. W. Youmans, Jr.

Second prize for Fern—Miss Jennie Durant.

First prize for Begonias—Mrs. F. M. Young.

Second prize for Begonias—Mrs. F. M. Young.

Crochet—1st, Miss Hattie Lightsey; 2nd, Miss Jennie Durant.

Draw Work—1st, Mrs. W. M. Lightsey; 2nd, Mrs. W. M. Lightsey.

French—1st, Mrs. W. M. Lightsey; 2nd, Miss Sadie Harter.

Colored Embroidery—1st, Miss Jennie Durant; 2nd, Miss Meng.

Eyelet—1st, Mrs. S. B. Talley; 2nd, Mrs. S. B. Talley.

Battenburg—1st, Miss Jennie Durant; 2nd, Mrs. Fred Lightsey.

Beaded—1st, Mrs. Fred Lightsey; 2nd, Mrs. W. E. Harter.

Judges—Mrs. R. P. Searson, A. Lendale; Mrs. Robert Causey, Estill; Mrs. Benjamin Buckner, Fairfax.

The whole affair was quite a success. The flowers were unusually fine, especially the chrysanthemums. Fancy work was a very creditable display for even a larger town than this. Of course the refreshments were excellent, for Fairfax is noted for good housekeeping.

Mrs. W. I. Herbert, of Charleston, spent Wednesday with Mrs. S. L. Sanders.

Miss Anne Moyer has returned from her very pleasant visit to Bamberg, where she was so refreshingly and substantially "showered" with nice things. All regret that we will soon lose her, for she is one of our most attractive and substantial ladies, but we hope her joys will ever be on the crescent.

Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan, of Augusta, are spending some time here.

Mr. P. A. Hodges, of Bennettsville, was a guest here this week.

Certified accounts for 1910 of 100 English spinning companies show a loss of \$1,790,091, or 10 1/2 per cent, on a stock capital of \$17,243,094, after paying 4 per cent. on \$11,478,452 loans. The spindles in these 100 mills numbered 8,660,456.

ZISSETT A FREE MAN.

Convicted of Killing a White Man in Bamberg County in 1897.

Charlie Zissett is now a free man. As stated in his address here during fair week Gov. Blease has granted a pardon to Charlie Zissett, sentenced to life imprisonment, after having been found guilty of the killing of Stark Wilson in 1897. Zissett got his pardon on Friday of last week and immediately returned to his home in Bamberg county near Olar.

The crime for which Zissett was convicted was committed nearly 20 years ago in the Olar section of Bamberg county. His victim was Stark Wilson. The case was one of the first if not the first murder trial in the new county of Bamberg. At the trial Zissett was convicted and sentenced to be hanged in May of that year. A few weeks before the date of execution Gov. Ellerbe commuted the sentence to life imprisonment, and Zissett entered upon his long term of imprisonment.

There have been several unsuccessful attempts to get a pardon for Zissett, but each petition was refused. Several months ago, Zissett's friends secured the services of attorneys H. Fullerton Buist and Edgar A. Brown. They immediately busied themselves to gather information and to see the jurors who tried the case. A few months ago a strong petition was presented to the governor requesting the pardon of Zissett, and on Friday of last week it was forthcoming.

Zissett was in Barnwell on Monday of this week, it was a typical case of Rip Van Winkle the second. He gazed at the acquaintances of his former days, picking out here and there one whom he recognized by some characteristic. Zissett will make his future home in the Olar section of Bamberg county.—Barnwell Sentinel.

SURROUNDED IN SWAMP.

Florida Mob May Lynch Assailant of Wounded Officer.

Tampa, Florida, Nov. 10.—Surrounded in a "hammock head," one mile from Plant City, an unknown negro, who early this morning shot and fatally wounded City Marshal R. E. Yates and Convict Guard Andrew Garner, is menaced by an armed band of 200 infuriated citizens, who are waiting for dawn to prosecute the work of capture. If either of the negro's victims dies during the night it is almost certain that he will be lynched.

Marshal Yates had arrested the negro on suspicion this morning at 5 o'clock. The black was carrying a suit case, which the officer insisted on examining. When the case was opened the negro snatched a large calibre revolver and held the marshal at bay, backing away and finally taking to his heels. Yates gave chase and was joined by Garner. Bloodhounds were pressed into use and cornered the negro in a thick swamp. He killed two of the dogs and when the officers came up shot both of them. Garner staggered to a nearby farm house and gave the alarm and a posse was formed.

The Tampa Light Infantry is asleep on their arms at the local armory, but Sheriff Jackson declares he sees no necessity for sending them to Plant City.

ANOTHER TRIAL FOR CHILDERS.

Jury Fails to Agree in Georgia Wife Poisoning Case.

Leesburg, Ga., Nov. 10.—A mistrial resulted in the case of Mort S. Childers, charged with killing his wife by administering poison, when the jury reported late to-day that they were unable to reach a verdict after considering the evidence. The case now goes over to the May term of court, but it was stated that counsel for Childers will make application for the release of the prisoner on bond.

By order of the court, Robert Kennedy, a former sweetheart of the dead woman, was released after being held in jail two months. The grand jury adjourned without taking any action on his case.

It is reported unofficially that the Childers jury stood eight to four for conviction. Scores of residents of the county became involved in the trials and it is believed a change of venue will be asked for before the case again comes to trial.

Politicians at the Fair.

There was a great gathering of politicians at the State fair in Columbia last week and many conferences were held. But none of those participating have gotten upon the house-tops and proclaimed what has been done or what is planned for the campaign of 1912.

No voter need, however, fear a reduction in the acreage of candidates. The political pot will be larger than ever and warmer than in any summer since the entry of Capt. Tillman in the arena of politics.—Barnwell People.

The Folks from Maine.

The governor of Maine was at the school and was telling the pupils what the people of different States were called.

"Now," he said, "the people from Indiana are called 'Hoosiers'; that people from North Carolina 'Tar Heels'; the people from Michigan we know as 'Michiganders'. Now, what little boy or girl can tell me what the people of Maine are called?"

"I know," said a little girl.

"Well, what are we called?" asked the governor.

"Mainiacs." — Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

State News Boiled Down for Quick Reading—Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

The Orangeburg county fair is being held this week.

Henry P. Archer, superintendent of the city schools of Charleston, died on Friday, in the 73d year of his age.

Fire on Thursday night in Greenville destroyed \$15,000 worth of feed stuffs of the Hayes Wholesale Grain and Produce Company.

A lot with 46 feet front on Main street, Columbia, was sold on Saturday for \$30,000. The same lot was sold two years ago for \$9,500.

The contract has been let for the building of a seven-story, 90-room hotel in Greenville, on the corner of Washington and Richardson streets.

Mrs. Henry Garner, aged 32 years, committed suicide at her home in Columbia on Saturday morning by drinking carbolic acid. No cause is assigned.

Jerry Moore won the boys' corn club prize this year in Florence county with a yield of 164 1/4 bushels on an acre. His world-record yield last year was 228 bushels.

Efforts are being made to resurrect the Heyward county scheme, which is to be formed from territory cut from Aiken, with North Augusta as the county seat. James U. Jackson, who manages the trolley line and is interested in property in North Augusta, is the prime mover in the matter. A hearing will be had by the governor to-day (Thursday) at which both sides will be heard. This matter has been voted on before.

Governor Blease delivered a speech in Anderson last week in which he severely criticised the ministers who condemned the lynching of a negro recently at Honea Path, and said he knew of some preachers who had more negro blood in their veins than the negro who was lynched. He also said before he would have ordered out the militia to protect the negro he would have resigned as governor and gone to Honea Path to lead the mob.

KILLED IN GIN SHAFTING.

Pickens Man Caught and Crushed to Death at Gin.

Pickens, Nov. 10.—Mr. Riley Porter, of the Mountain View section of the county, was killed yesterday by being caught in a line shaft at his brother's gin. Mr. Porter was working at the gin at the time of the accident. He went to put a belt on a wheel and his right arm was caught and broken off above the elbow. He was carried twice around the shaft and received internal injuries. He lived about seven hours, and remained conscious until he died.

Mr. Porter was a son of Phillip Porter, of near this place. He leaves a wife and two children. His wife was before her marriage Miss Hattie Rapp, daughter of the late McDuffie Rapp. The burial service will take place at Second church this afternoon. His brother, Waddy Porter, was accidentally killed three weeks ago while out hunting.

DISAGREE ON EVERYTHING.

First Female Jury in Los Angeles a Flat Failure.

Los Angeles, Nov. 10.—Unable to agree on anything, the first women's jury to sit in Los Angeles was discharged late to-day.

The case was that of I. H. Nago, accused of having violated the speed ordinance, and arraigned in a justice's court. After listening patiently for three hours to testimony and argument, the jury, at 12:30 o'clock, was notified to get ready for luncheon. Twelve eating places were selected by the twelve jurors. Then two said they did not want to go at all. In vain did Justice Forbes urge them to reach an agreement as to a place for luncheon. Finally, at 1:30 o'clock, he ordered them locked up again. The justice, too, lost his luncheon.

At 5 o'clock, after four and a half hours' deliberation, the jury reported that it was unable to agree on a verdict, and the court ordered its discharge.

YOUNG BOY LOSES ARM.

Williamsburg County Lad Victim of Own Gun While Hunting.

Kingstree, Nov. 11.—Eugene, the 11-year-old son of Mr. J. H. Hanna, who lives five miles east of town, had his left arm all but severed from his body this afternoon by the accidental discharge of a breech-loading gun. The little fellow had just left his home to shoot some game in a nearby woods and was standing on a log, when the butt of the gun, which had been resting on the log, slipped off, the hammer striking the log in the fall, discharging the gun, the load entering the arm near the shoulder with the above results.

He was being brought to town for medical attention in a buggy, but Mr. J. F. Cooper, when returning home from town in his automobile, realizing the necessity of immediate medical attention, brought the little fellow quickly in and the arm was amputated at the shoulder. That he did not die from loss of blood and exhaustion is possibly due to Mr. Cooper's kindly act.

DESCRIBES MOB'S BRUTALITY.

Revolting Story by Witness at Trial of Mexican Boy's Lynchers.

Cameron, Texas, Nov. 10.—Revolting scenes attending the lynching of Fernando Gomez, a Mexican lad, at Thorndale, Texas, last June, were described in court to-day by Alfred Wilson, first witness called in the trial of Z. T. Gore, Jr., charged with participation in the murder.

Wilson testified that he was guarding the boy, Gomez, after the Mexican had been arrested on the charge of having stabbed to death Charles Zietung, a garage keeper. Gore and three other men, the witness said, took the lad from him by force.

One of the four men, according to the witness, dragged away Gomez after a trace chain had been fastened about the neck of the young Mexican. The man who dragged the boy away, Wilson testified, was on horseback, and took a half hitch about the pommel of his saddle with the chain. Some distance away, according to Wilson, the horseman stopped amidst a crowd. Numbers of men in this mob, Wilson said, kicked the prone and half conscious form of the youth, inflicting bruises about the trunk, head and face; then Gomez was hanged to a telephone pole.

VETERAN MEETS TRAGIC DEATH

J. Wash Cade, Leaving Soldiers' Home, Killed by Train.

Columbia, Nov. 11.—Mr. J. Wash Cade, an inmate of the Confederate home here, was run over and killed by a train on the Spartanburg branch of the Southern Railway this morning at the little station of Montgomery. The body was almost mangled beyond recognition and several of the limbs severed by the train. The remains were brought to this city and are at a local undertaking establishment.

Mr. Cade was 74 years of age and was from Horry county, having entered the Old Soldiers' Home on the 8th of June this year. He served in the Confederate army as a member of the 10th South Carolina regiment. It is stated that he leaves two sisters, both of whom live in Horry county. Mr. Cade was attempting to run away from the Confederate home, so it is stated, having disappeared yesterday morning, and the next thing heard from him was that he had been killed by a train. It is presumed that he was attempting to make his way North. Once before he left the home and was found in Charleston and brought back. It is reported that his mind was affected.

ONE BODY TORN TO PIECES.

Three Boys Dead from Explosive Thrown Into Bonfire.

Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 13.—A boyish prank of throwing nitroglycerine blasting cartridges into a bonfire they had built late this afternoon, resulted in an explosion that instantly killed one boy, and two companions died later at the General Hospital.

The dead are: John McGuire, aged 14; Archie Clark, aged 13; William Perry, aged 8.

The force of the explosion shattered windows within a radius of 500 feet. It is believed that the boys threw about 450 of the blasting cartridges into the fire. They took them from the plant of the Rochester Lime Company. The body of Perry was hurled high in the air, over a tall tree and landed in the branches of an apple tree. The head was found on the roof of a back kitchen of a dwelling about 100 feet in an opposite direction, while one leg was carried over several trees and one dwelling before it landed on the sidewalk of a street, nearly 200 feet away. The eyes of both Clark and McGuire were torn out and their bodies were terribly mutilated. Neither recovered consciousness.

FLORIDA MOBS FOILED.

Officers Capture Fugitive, Landing Him in Tampa Jail.

Tampa, Fla., Nov. 11.—Lee Armistead, the negro who shot two officers at Plant City early Friday morning and was chased over 30 miles by possses, was captured and was landed safely in jail here to-night at 10 o'clock.

Sheriff Sturkey, of Pasco county, accompanied by two deputies, made the trip to Tarpon Springs in an automobile and when the machine struck an impassable place in the road, the officers took their prisoner and walked back, getting another automobile with which to complete the trip to Tampa.

None of the possses supposed to be in waiting were encountered, the officers making a wide detour to escape them. Both of the men shot by Armistead, it is believed now will recover.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Will sell you a farm or a dwelling cheap, and will lend you all that can be advanced on the property for a term of years with interest payable annually. H. M. GRAHAM, Manager.

An average of one in ten gin houses will burn each year. Insure your ginny with H. M. Graham, agent.

Winter is here. Insure your dwelling and furniture with H. M. Graham, agent.

See me now about your cotton seed. Will buy or exchange for meal. W. G. HUTTO, at Copeland's store.

Before disposing of your cotton seed, see me. Will buy or exchange. W. G. HUTTO, at Copeland's store.

Highest price paid for cotton seed. W. G. HUTTO, at Copeland's store.

TUTEN CASE BEING TRIED.

WEALTHY HAMPTON COUNTY MAN ON TRIAL FOR LIFE.

Brilliant Array of Counsel on Both Sides—State Has Not Made Out a Strong Case.

Tuesday morning of this week the trial of Leroy B. Tuten, charged with the murder of J. R. Langford, was taken up in court here, the case having been transferred from Hampton county. Langford was found dead in the woods near Brunson about a ago, and the circumstances caused the belief that he was murdered. First a negro was arrested for the crime, upon the statement of Mary Harris, a white girl, who stated that the negro killed Langford and that she was present at the time. Later Tuten was arrested for the crime and the negro was held as a witness.

The story of the finding of the body of Langford, after he had been missing all day, is familiar to our readers, as we published the full story at the time. He was found lying on a lap robe in the woods and his horse hitched near by.

There was a strong array of counsel on each side, R. H. Welch, of Columbia, Mayfield & Free, of the local bar, W. S. Tillinghast, of Beaufort, B. R. Hiers, J. W. Manuel, and W. P. Tillinghast, of Hampton, representing the defendant, while Solicitor Gunter, Jas. E. Davis, W. J. Thomas, Beaufort, C. J. Searson, Hampton, Carter & Carter, of the local bar, and R. C. Hardwick, of Denmark, represented the State. Mr. Welch for the defense and Mr. Davis for the prosecution examined the witnesses.

Up to the time of our going to press Wednesday afternoon fifteen witnesses had been presented for the State, most of them intelligent white men, and we understand that the State will rest. At this writing it is not known what the defense will do, but it is likely that no witnesses will be presented for the defense, as it is conceded that the State has not made out a strong case.

Little of the testimony has been of a sensational nature. Tuesday various white men testified as to finding the body and that the clothing of the dead man was unfastened and his body showing, and as to Tuten's conversation a day or two after the killing, but there was nothing direct as to Tuten's connection with the murder except the testimony of Mary Harris, the white girl, who was put on the stand Tuesday morning. She got all mixed up in her story and told several conflicting tales, although she swore that Tuten killed Langford.

John Allen, a negro farm hand of Tuten, testified that Tuten promised him and others \$100 if they would go in court and stick to him and tell the truth. Allen also signed an affidavit creating an alibi for Tuten, but it is an interesting fact that this affidavit was signed about a month before Tuten was arrested for the crime.

However, if Tuten is guilty of murder, it has not been proven, and we confidently expect a verdict of acquittal. Let us hope that no more such cases as this and the Causey case will be transferred here from Hampton county. We are tired of airing that county's dark deeds.

TWAS JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE.

Case Against L. Y. Randall, of Gaffney, Will Not Be Tried.

Gaffney, Nov. 11.—It has been learned in this city that L. Y. Randall, the Gaffney man who shot and killed a Cleveland county, N. C., farmer, some three weeks ago, will not be tried at the court of general sessions, which is now holding at Shelby, N. C. Mr. Randall made an effort to have the case tried, but the solicitor of the district stated that this would not be necessary. It will be remembered that Randall shot in self defence and killed Whitworth, who was intoxicated at the time. The coroner's jury returned a verdict to the effect that the affair was a "justifiable homicide."

A NEGRO ROBBED.

Says White Man Took His Watch at the Point of a Pistol.

On Saturday afternoon John Thomas, colored, swore out a warrant for Earl Pearsall, a young white man of near Saluda, for highway robbery. Thomas claims that as he was going along the road just the other side of J. B. Foy's he heard a summons to halt and that he stopped his horse and Earl Pearsall got out of his buggy with a pistol in his hand and came to the buggy in which he was sitting and asked him if he had any money. He says that he told Pearsall that he did not and that he was then searched, and that Pearsall, failing to find any money, took his watch. He claims that he expostulated with Pearsall, and that he was told that he would be given a load instead of his watch back. That afternoon he came to town and swore out a warrant.

Pearsall, who was accompanied by Watt McCarty, was in town Monday and made the statement, along with McCarty, that he bought the watch from Thomas for fifty cents. It is likely that the case will not come up and that nothing will be done about it, as the negro was unaccompanied and has no witnesses, while he has the words of two white men against him.—Saluda Standard.

ENGINEER'S CLOSE CALL.

Driving Rod Crashes Into Cab and Smashes Engineer's Seat.

Florence, Nov. 10.—Engineer Marion Brandt, of the Coast Line, had a very narrow escape from "the last call" Monday morning, when the driving rod of his engine broke and smashed through the cab, striking the seat he was sitting on.

The accident happened between Floysds and Hartsville. He was going at a lively clip, about twenty miles an hour, when the driving wheel became damaged and the broke. The end of the broken rod smashed through the cab like through a paper house, and crushed the seat into splinters. Mr. Brandt was stunned by the shock, and does not know whether he jumped or was knocked from his seat, or whether his "guardian angel" lifted him out of harm's way, he only knows that he did not get killed and that the hurts he received are not dangerous.

ELECTIONS BY LEGISLATURE.

Several Places on the Bench to be Filled.

Among the most important elections at the next session of the legislature will be those of the justices of the supreme court. Ira B. Jones, of Lancaster, has resigned as chief justice and several lawyers have been mentioned for this place. He will retire from the bench on January 9, the day before the legislature convenes. An additional justice will be elected as provided by the constitutional amendment of 1911. The legislature failed to elect this justice at the last session, a deadlock lasting for several weeks with the vote for those leading in the balloting unchanged. The same candidates and others will probably again be in the race for this position. The term of C. A. Woods, associate justice, expires next year. It is thought he will be re-elected. At the last session of the general assembly the constitutional amendment providing for a tenure of ten years for supreme court justices was adopted. This will cause an election every two years with five members on the bench.

Three circuit judges will be elected at the next session of the general assembly. The terms of Judge J. W. DeVore of the 11th circuit and Judge S. W. G. Shipp of the 12th circuit will expire next year. They will be re-elected, it is believed. A successor to the late Judge J. C. Klugh of the 8th circuit will be elected.

There will be two vacancies on the board of directors of the State penitentiary. The terms of J. D. Deas, of Camden, and W. H. Glenn, of Anderson, will expire.

The general assembly will elect a State librarian. The only candidate announced so far is Miss L. H. LaBorde, who has filled the position acceptably for the past several years.

F. H. McMaster is the only candidate announced for the commissioner of the State insurance department. He was the first fire insurance commissioner elected and has built up a strong department.

MERCHANT ROBBED.

Joseph Traxler, of St. George, Assaulted in His Store.

St. George, Nov. 11.—Joseph Traxler, who conducts an ice cream parlor in St. George, was assaulted and robbed of \$240 in his establishment about 10:30 o'clock Thursday night. Mr. Traxler was in the act of locking the front door when a noise in the rear of the building attracted his attention. He returned into the store to make an investigation, with the result that he was struck on the head by the assailant, who was concealed in a room adjoining.

Mr. Traxler has absolutely no idea who dealt the blow, being unable to see his assailant. When struck the young man was going from the front room to the one in the rear, and just as he stepped in the doorway was knocked unconscious. The weapon used was presumably a sandbag, as there were no bruises or cuts.

The victim of the assault remained upon the floor, where he was felled, for approximately a half hour before regaining consciousness. As soon as he regained himself he immediately went to his boarding place and gave the alarm, but the assailant had made his escape when assistance reached the scene.

The bloodhounds of the State penitentiary were telephoned for and reached here on the early morning train. They were immediately placed on the trail, which was kept for a considerable distance. The trail was lost about four blocks from the scene of the robbery. It is presumed that the robber had a conveyance in waiting where the trail was lost.

CHOCKED BIG LINER'S PUMPS.

Had to Come to a Full Stop Out in Mid Ocean.

A remarkable experience on the voyage from London to Halifax was reported Friday by Captain Chambers, of the Furness liner Durango. While in mid-ocean the big liner came to a full stop, the circulating pumps failed to work and for a time the crew were unable to account for the trouble. When the interior of the circulating feed pipe was examined it was found to be choked with a mass of fish. After the fish were removed the Durango proceeded at her usual speed. The vessel had passed through a school of fish and many of them were drawn into the feed pipe by the suction of the pumps. The fish taken from the passage were long and thin and of a kind unknown to Captain Chambers.